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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Binta M. Robinson

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 41, 42, 44-47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 63, 64, 66-72, 75-78, 80 and 81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 41, 42, 44-47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 63, 64, 66-72, 75-78, 80 and 81 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
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Detailed Action

Claims 41, 42, 44-46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 63-72, 75, 76, 77, 78, 80, 81 are pending.

The Group I elected invention, drawn to claims 41, 42, -46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 63-72, 75, 76, 77, 78, , 80, 81, which is drawn to the compound of formula I wherein Z is NR₈R₉, and R₈ and R₉ are independently H or C₁-C₄ alkyl, Y is CN, A is phenyl or carbocyclic aryl, B is indolo, X is O, pharmaceutical composition containing said compound is modified such that will be examined below. The restriction requirement is revised to also restrict out claims 64-65 from examination since these claims are drawn to multiple active ingredients. The restriction is FINAL.

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 17, 19, 20, 21-28, 81 of copending Application No. 2003/0065018. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because in Application No. 2003/0065018, pharmaceutical compositions are

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claimed containing the instant indolo pyran compound species which anticipate the instant pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I drawn to the generic genus of formula I as well as instant pharmaceutical compositions comprising a specific compound species.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claims 75, 76, 77, and 78 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 75, 76, 77 and 78 of copending Application No. 2003/0065018. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because in, Application No. 2003/0065018, indolo pyran compound species are claimed which anticipate the instant compounds of formula I drawn to the generic genus of formula I as well as the species claimed.

This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binta M. Robinson whose telephone number is (571) 272-0692. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on 571-272-0699.

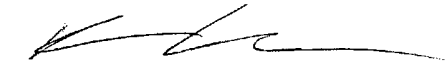
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